

SENATE BILL 2786

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14,
relative to COVID-19.

Whereas, the COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots have not been reliable in preventing a person who has received one (1) or more vaccinations, or who has additionally received a booster shot, from acquiring and transmitting more infectious and transmissible variants of COVID-19 to other persons; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "private business" means a person, sole proprietorship, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, association, nonprofit organization described in § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(a)), or another legal or non-governmental entity whether formed as a for-profit or not-for-profit entity engaged in business or commerce in this state.

(b) If a private business requires a specific cohort or category of individuals, including employees, independent contractors, and employees of such contractors, to test for the presence of COVID-19 at regular intervals, the private business must require each individual to test for the presence of COVID-19 irrespective of the individual's vaccination or booster status. If a private business has in place a policy or procedure for individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the private business must apply the policy or

procedure to each individual who tests positive for the presence of COVID-19, irrespective of the vaccination or booster status of the individual.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.